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PRODUCTION OF COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices has sent a team to study the cost of production of Coconut;

(b) if so, the cost of production of Coconut in various States assessed by the CACP;

(c) the steps taken to declare minimum support price of Copra/Coconut;

(d) whether the minimum support price will be declared before next Coconut season;

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government have succeeded in fetching minimum support price declared last year for farmers; and
(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir. A team of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)visited Kerala and Tamil Nadu during November, 2000 to discuss the issues of Price Policy for Copra for 2001 season.

(b): Based on model yield and real rate of interest the CACP has worked out the cost ofproduction of coconut at Rs.3.73 per nut for Kerala and Rs.2.52 per nut for Karnataka.

(c) to (e): The price policy for copra/coconut for 2001 season is under active consideration of the Government.

(f)&(g): The market prices of Milling copra during 2000 season remained subdued due to increasing production of coconut and falling price of edible oil. However, the interest of the coconut growers is protected interalia, by the price support operations of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED)As on 13.12.2000 NAFED procured a total of quantity 160775 tonnes of milling copra. The procurement is still in progress.